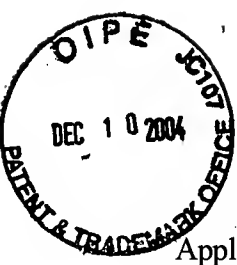


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MS: AMENDMENT**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of time for one month with necessary fees. Also attached are articles by (i) Schnabel *et al.*, (ii) Zhang *et al.* and an Information Disclosure Statement accompanies these references with necessary fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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